

## The New Hampshire Update

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The New Hampshire Update, which will be distributed every six months, is a communication tool designed to keep you updated on what's new and exciting in New Hampshire's tourism industry.

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**New Suggested Group Itineraries, Statewide:** The New Hampshire Division of Travel & Tourism Development (DTTD) announces two new girl getaway suggested itineraries for motorcoach groups. *New Hampshire Adventure Girls* features ax throwing, white water rafting or paddle boarding, scotch tasting, canopy tours, and mountain trains. *New Hampshire Bubbles & Bubbles* is for glamor girls and features activities such as champagne, fine-dining, guest storytellers, wine and paint sessions, crystal cutting, and yoga. Stay tuned for upcoming curriculum based itineraries for student tours. Find all DTTD's group friendly suggested itineraries at <http://www.visitnh.gov/group/itineraries>.

## LODGING

**Homewood Suites, Manchester:** Completed a multi-million dollar renovation to the rooms, public areas, and amenities. This property is minutes from the MHT airport, from downtown Elm Street which is a hub for tons of retail and culinary options, museums, art, and entertainment. Contact: Jeff Pelletier, [jpelletier@colwenhotels.com](mailto:jpelletier@colwenhotels.com) P : 603-668-2200 [www.manchesterhomewood.com](http://www.manchesterhomewood.com)

**The Lane Hotel, Keene:** This 40 room property in the heart of downtown Keene, built in 1891, has joined the Historic Hotels of America®, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Colwen Hotel Management manages 13 properties in New Hampshire including three in downtown Keene. Contact: Heidi Hale, [hhale@colwenhotels.com](mailto:hhale@colwenhotels.com) P : 603-355-2367 [www.thelanehotel.com](http://www.thelanehotel.com)

## CULINARY

**Bertucci's Restaurant, Nashua:** Launches new, all-inclusive lunch program for group tours. This large restaurant conveniently situated in southern, NH serves has a great meal option for groups that wish to

split up their drive time on their way to major points of interest in New England. Contact: Aggy Gukasyan, [bert019@bertuccis.com](mailto:bert019@bertuccis.com) P : 603-595-7244 [www.bertuccis.com](http://www.bertuccis.com)

**Hermit Woods Winery, Meredith/Sanbornton:** To open a new tasting room in downtown Meredith for their boutique winery operations in Sanbornton. Their products have won numerous awards and have tested the norms by experimenting with combinations of local fruit, honey, and other ingredients in ways that work. Contact: Bob Manley, [bob@hermitwoods.com](mailto:bob@hermitwoods.com) P : 603-253-7968 [www.hermitwoods.com](http://www.hermitwoods.com)

**JuiceBurger Food Truck, Dover:** New Hampshire's first farm-to-sidewalk food truck offering high quality, made from scratch street food. 100% of their raw materials are sourced from local suppliers and they strive to work with only organic, GMO-free farms. They have a full catering menu and can collaborate to create custom menus. Contact: John Thompson, [jt@juiceburger.com](mailto:jt@juiceburger.com) P : 207-351-7792 [www.juiceburger.com](http://www.juiceburger.com)

**NASWA Resort, Laconia:** Now offering a wine and cheese tasting at sunset experience for groups. This three season, lakefront, family owned resort has 1000' of beach on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee with a full schedule of events, live entertainment, a boat dock, beach bar, kayaks, and jetski rentals. Plenty of customizable activity and culinary options for groups regardless of if they stay overnight. Contact: Sarah Benoit, [groupsales@naswa.com](mailto:groupsales@naswa.com) P : 603-366-4341 [www.naswa.com](http://www.naswa.com)

**Red Fox Bar & Grille, Jackson:** Now reserving motorcoach tour lunch & dinner space. The very popular restaurant located 10 minutes up the road from North Conway has renovated their large dining space and offers delectable group menu options and woodfire pizza parties. Contact: Sandy Louis, [sandradeejean@gmail.com](mailto:sandradeejean@gmail.com) P: 603-383-4949 [www.redfoxbarandgrille.com](http://www.redfoxbarandgrille.com)

**SALT Kitchen & Bar at the Wentworth By the Sea historic hotel, New Castle:** Opened a completely new restaurant open to the public and hotel guests for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with a focus on authentic, locally sourced flavors. This is a high-end culinary experience delivered by Executive Chef Ken Lingle who has prepared meals for celebrities and presidents alike. Contact: Diane Dow (sales), [diane.dow@oceanprop.com](mailto:diane.dow@oceanprop.com) or Gina Damiano (catering), [gina.damiano@wentworth.com](mailto:gina.damiano@wentworth.com) P : 603-422-7322 <http://www.wentworth.com/dining/salt-kitchen-and-bar>

## EVENTS

**Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival, Milford:** Now offering motorcoach parking and free shuttle service. Admission to event is free. Now it its 24th year, this event in early October includes music on stages, talent shows, haunted trails, chili round-up contests, wine tastings, and fireworks. New this year is a vintage motorcycle show during the festival. Contact: Tracy Hutchins, [milfordnhmainstreet@gmail.com](mailto:milfordnhmainstreet@gmail.com) P : 603-249-0676 [www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org](http://www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org)

**New Annual White Mountains Writers' & Book Festival and Conference, Berlin:** This event to be held annually at the end of September has been expanded and relocated to White Mountain Community College which is lending its land and facilities. A partner relationship with the New Hampshire Writer's Project and the Northern Forest Heritage Park, the event includes a Literary Flash Competition, vendors, and workshops. Contact: Tamara Allen, [troberge@ccsnh.edu](mailto:troberge@ccsnh.edu) P : 603-342-3062 <http://www.wmcc.edu/about-wmcc/news-events/white-mtns-writers-book-festival>

## ACTIVITIES

**Attitash Mountain Resort, Bartlett:** Received approval from the USFS and the town of Bartlett to construct two major zip lines including the longest single span zip line in the continental United States of 5,000'. Attitash is a ski mountain in the winter and an adventure park in the summer with a mountain coaster, alpine slide, slackline setup, trampoline, mountain biking, and horseback riding and is the location of the annual Oktoberfest event. Contact: Thomas Prindle, [groupinfo@attitash.com](mailto:groupinfo@attitash.com) P : 603-374-2619 [www.attitash.com](http://www.attitash.com)

**Bretton Woods Adventure Center, Bretton Woods:** Four new ziplines added to canopy tour bringing to the total length of zips to 3,000' and course finale redesign. Bretton Woods Adventure Center is part of the Omni Mount Washington Resort which also has a grand hotel, an inn and B&B, alpine and Nordic ski area, golf, horseback riding, snowshoe tour, disk golf, mountain biking, fishing guides, climbing, ATV mountain tours, climbing walls, and tennis. Contact: Melody Mere, [mmere@omnihotels.com](mailto:mmere@omnihotels.com) P : 603-278-8884 [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)

**Clark's Trading Post and the White Mountain Central Railroad, Lincoln:** Offering a Mid-Week Foliage Special with Harvest Luncheon that includes a Bear Show, Train Ride, Five Museums, Merlin's Mansion, Segway rides and a delicious fall themed luncheon served to motor coaches. Clark's received the Certificate of Excellence from tripadvisor. Contact: Anne Englert, [info@clarkstradingpost.com](mailto:info@clarkstradingpost.com) P : 603-745-8913 ext 19 [www.clarkstradingpost.com](http://www.clarkstradingpost.com)

**Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford:** Further expansion of their Adventure Park including Water Wars the ultimate water balloon fight and Cobble Stone Mining. Other activities include the longest zipline in the continental United States, a canopy tour, an off-road Segway course, and is a popular alpine and Nordic ski resort in the winter with tubing. Contact: Sue Gaudette, [sgaudette@gunstock.com](mailto:sgaudette@gunstock.com) P : 603-737-4311 [www.gunstock.com](http://www.gunstock.com)

**Loon Mountain, Lincoln:** Was rated by *SKI Magazine* as the "most accessible mountain resort in the East" as well as a "Top 10 Eastern resort." Contact: Adam Davidoff, [adavidoff@loonmtn.com](mailto:adavidoff@loonmtn.com) P : 603-745-6281 [www.loonmtn.com](http://www.loonmtn.com)

**Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury:** Two new loops were just added to the Aerial Challenge Course bringing the total to 24 treetop obstacles of varying degrees of difficulty. Other activities include disk golf, a Segway course, and ziplines. Contact: Bruce McCloy, [bmccloy@mtsunapee.com](mailto:bmccloy@mtsunapee.com) P : 603-763-3500 [www.mountsunapee.com](http://www.mountsunapee.com)

**Mount Washington Cog Railway, Mount Washington:** Now has an extended season open through New Year's Day with events themed for the November and December holidays. Contact: Becky Metcalf, [becky@thecog.com](mailto:becky@thecog.com) P : 603-278-2255 [www.thecog.com](http://www.thecog.com)

**Surfs Up New Hampshire, Nashua:** Under construction and scheduled to open fall 2013, the largest indoor surfing facility in North America at the same location as the already very successful indoor skydiving tunnel. Contact: Laurie Greer, [info@skyventurenh.com](mailto:info@skyventurenh.com) P : 603-897-0002 [www.skyventurenh.com](http://www.skyventurenh.com)

**Whale's Tale Waterpark & Alpine Adventures, Lincoln:** Exciting merger of two of New Hampshire's premier adventure attractions offering outdoor entertainment. Alpine Adventures opened New England's first zipline course in 2006 and has expanded substantially since then and Whale's Tale adds new water rides almost every year. They plan to, "take family fun to a whole new level," as stated by owner Randy Farwell. Contact: Alan Guilbeault, [allan@alpinezipline.com](mailto:allan@alpinezipline.com) P : 603-745-8810 [www.alpinezipline.com](http://www.alpinezipline.com)

#### **Winter Ski Area Improvements for 2013/14 Season**

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*Pats Peak, Henniker* – New chairlift and ski trail expansion. Geothermal heating now at the base lodge.

*Cranmore Mountain, North Conway* – Expanded and improved snowmaking

*Loon Mountain, Lincoln* – Increased snowmaking capacity and expanded children's freestyle terrain.

*Mount Sunapee, Newbury* – Expanded snowmaking, IT upgrades for eCommerce, \$100k in new rental equipment.

*Granite Gorge, Keene* – New downhill and cross country ski trails and glades. Expanded snowmaking, purchased a portable stage for hosting special events, and will add two new parking lots.

*Bretton Woods, Bretton Woods* – Expansion of Mount Stickney alpine area and addition Nordic terrain at higher elevations with lift service.

*Black Mountain, Jackson* – Improvements to complete snowmaking system.

*Waterville Valley Resort, Waterville Valley* – Received USFS permission to launch a 44 acre trail expansion plan with high-speed lift.

*Jackson XC, Jackson* – Added new Nordic grooming equipment.

*Windblown XC, New Ipswich* – Added new Nordic grooming vehicles and upgraded rental equipment.

## ARTS, CULTURE, EDUCATION

**African Burial Ground Memorial Park, Portsmouth:** A new park is being construction on the site where remains dating back to the 1700's were recently discovered during road construction. Formerly Chestnut Street in downtown Portsmouth immediately above the remains will be the site of this memorial park with gardens, walkways, and monuments. New Hampshire Governor Hassan recently signed a bill that posthumously freed the enslaved Portsmouth men. Contact: Valerie Rochon, [tourism@portsmouthchamber.org](mailto:tourism@portsmouthchamber.org) P : 603-436-3988 [www.africanburyinggroundnh.org](http://www.africanburyinggroundnh.org)

**RAVEN Interpretive Programs, North Conway:** Now able to customize wildlife educational programs and step on tour experiences for motorcoaches and has a 15 passenger van for smaller groups or those groups that split up for independent excursions. Contact: Chris Lewey, [chris@ravenprograms.com](mailto:chris@ravenprograms.com) P: 603-694-2200 [www.ravenprograms.com](http://www.ravenprograms.com)

**Mount Washington Observatory Summit Museum, Mt Washington:** Will open "Extreme Mount Washington" an interactive museum that brings a taste of the winter extreme weather to visitors that come spring through fall. To be unveiled for the 2014 season. NH's most visited museum is at the summit of New England's highest peak that draws over 100k visitors each year. Groups can reach the summit by riding on the Cog Railway or by arranging to ride in guided stage coaches on the Auto Road. Contact at the Cog Railway: Becky Metcalf, [becky@thecog.com](mailto:becky@thecog.com) P: 603-278-2255 [www.thecog.com](http://www.thecog.com) ... Contact at the Auto Road: Howie Wemyss, [howie@mt-washington.com](mailto:howie@mt-washington.com) P: 603-366-4988 [www.mtwashingtonautoroad.com](http://www.mtwashingtonautoroad.com)

## MISC

**Tye's Top Tours & Travel, Merrimack:** Receptive tour operator specializing in New Hampshire has purchased a 15 passenger luxury Mercedes Sprinter used to shuttle guests staying in Manchester, Merrimack, and Nashua hotels to the seacoast, the White Mountains, and Boston. This service complements tours that have a more freestyle, open schedule allowing for passengers to engage in different independent activities. The coach is also available for charter. Tye's Top Tours has a wide variety of new and creative tour programs including wine tasting, farm to table, holiday, and live theater. Contact: Mel Tye, [tyes@tyestravel.com](mailto:tyes@tyestravel.com) P : 603-424-4043 [www.tyestravel.com](http://www.tyestravel.com)